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Examination Report under Section 18(3)

Basis of the examination

My examination has taken account of the amendments filed with your agent's letter of 27 September 2006.

Statements of Invention

The statements of invention at pages 3 and 4 are inconsistent with the amended claims and thus cast doubt on the scope of the claims. For example, the statement of invention at pages 3 and 4 fails to mention pass-through ports, and yet this is an essential feature of claim 1. This statement of invention is thus broader in scope than the claims and is therefore unacceptable. Furthermore the second paragraph under the heading "Brief Summary of The Invention" misleadingly suggests that the pass-through features are only present in some inventions but not others. Much of the "Brief Summary of The Invention" section requires amendment.

Intention to file divisional application

You have amended your claims so that they no longer relate to plural inventions but have not filed a divisional application. If you wish to do so, you are reminded that any divisional must be filed before the present application is granted. If the present application is found to be in order it will be granted whether or not a divisional has been filed. No further reminders will be issued in this regard.